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2. Statistical report fails to reveal Five Year Plan successes:

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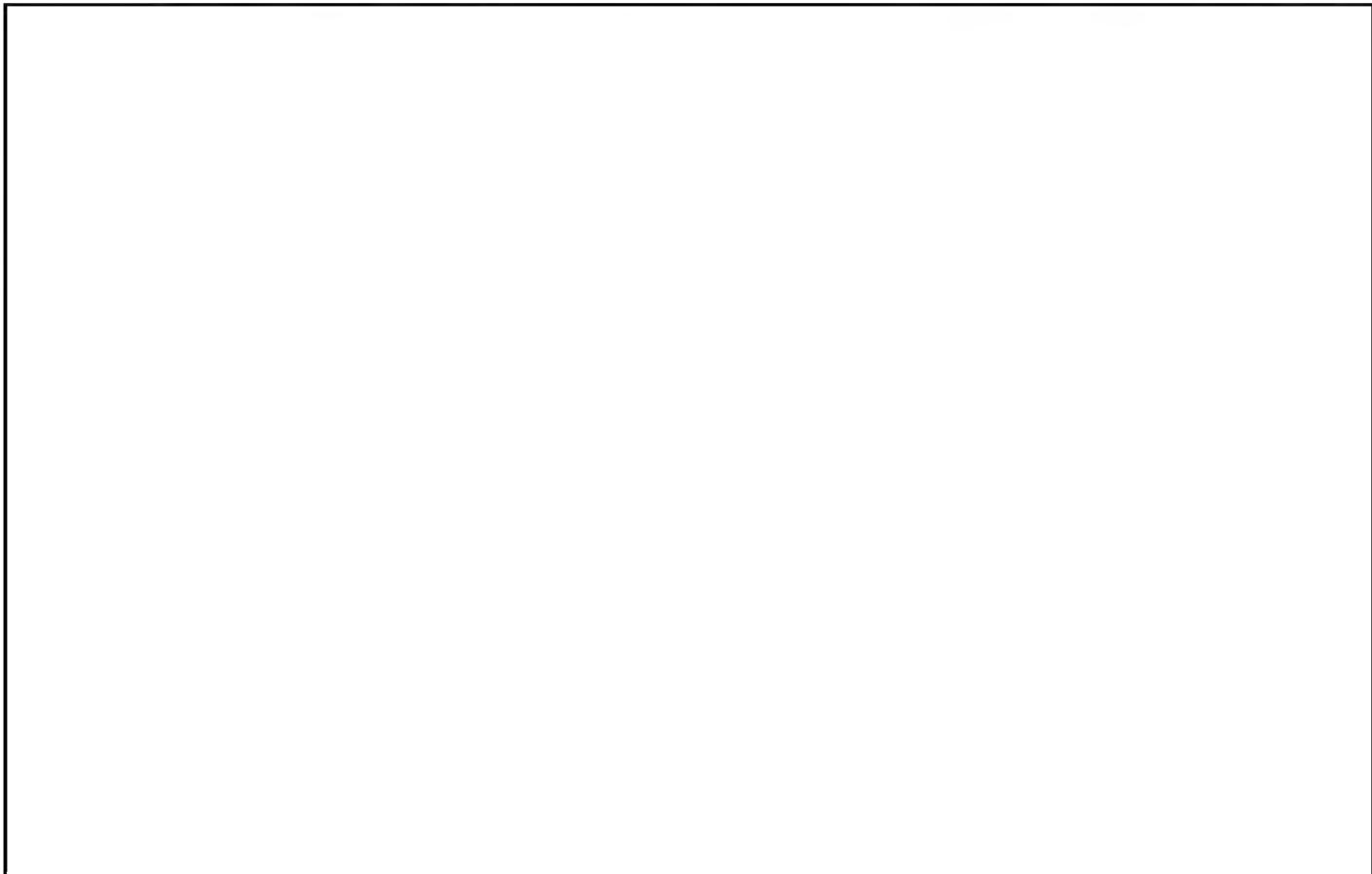
[Redacted box] In its Statistical Administration report for 1950, the Soviet Government has failed to exploit an obvious occasion for reviewing at least the favorable results of its fourth Five Year Plan. This is perhaps explained by the nature of the results themselves. A comprehensive review would have shown that all important Soviet consumer goods industries had missed even the modest aims of the 1950 Plan quotas. Moreover, except for fuels, power, rail transport, ferrous metallurgy and building materials, which were already covered by separate ministerial announcements and the Bulganin speech of 6 November, the only noteworthy Soviet successes in the industrial plan may well have been in branches which are subject to a strict security blackout.

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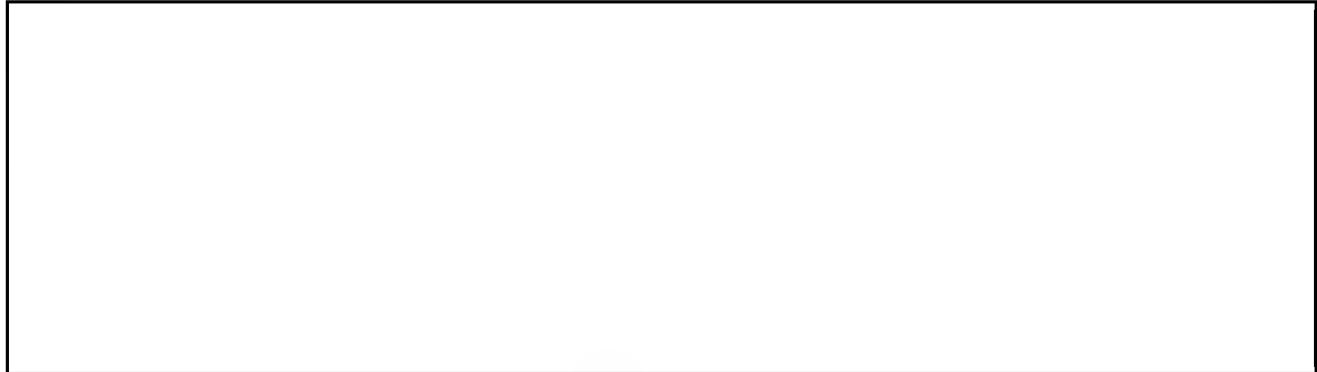
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There has been no clear evidence of production cutbacks or general diversion of plants and raw materials to military production. However, the Soviet record of the past five years shows a consistent de-emphasis on consumer goods and other primarily civilian industries in favor of the basic and strategic branches most essential to military potential. Even greater international tensions would therefore probably require only minor economic adjustments.

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Dollersheim training area that wives and dependents of Soviet personnel in this area have been ordered to leave Austria and return to the USSR not later than March 1951.

Comment: This is the first report since the summer of 1950 indicating any large-scale evacuation of Soviet dependents from foreign areas.